tion on amount,

in that county, magistrates trying criminal cases therein, and the prosecuting attorney of the Rowan County Court in those cases where a conviction is had and the costs are not paid by Proviso: Limita- the defendant: Provided, however, that such fees shall not exceed one-half the amount taxable against the defendant, now or hereafter prescribed by law.

> SEC. 2. All acts and provisions of acts in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

> SEC. 3. This act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 9th day of January, A. D. 1917.

CHAPTER 85

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BEAUFORT COUNTY TO LEVY A SPECIAL TAX TO PAY INDEBTEDNESS AND CURRENT EXPENSES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Special tax authorized. Limit of rate.

SECTION 1. That the board of commissioners of Beaufort County be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to levy a special tax not to exceed thirteen and one-third cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of real and personal property Term of authority, in said county, annually for two years, to wit: the years one thousand nine hundred and seventeen (1917) and one thousand nine hundred and eighteen (1918) to be expended and applied to the payment of the indebtedness and current expenses of said county.

Levy and collec-

tion.

Sec. 2. That said taxes shall be levied and collected as other public taxes are levied and collected in said county.

SEC. 3. That this act shall be in force from and after ratification.

Ratified this the 9th day of January, A. D. 1917.

CHAPTER 86

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN AND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO DONATE TO CHAR-ITABLE AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Appropriations authorized.

SECTION 1. That the board of aldermen or other governing body of the city of Durham and the board of county commissioners of Durham County shall have the power and auhority,